Report Summary

Delaware State Lottery Annual Basic Financial Statement Report Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022



What Was Performed?

A financial statement audit of the Delaware State Lottery's Annual Basic Financial Report for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

Why This Engagement?

29 Del. C. § 4816 requires the State Auditor to conduct a yearly post-audit of all accounts and transactions of the State Lottery Office and this engagement serves to fulfill the requirements set forth. Over \$1.5 billion in revenue was brought in by the State of Lottery office in the fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

29 Del. C. § 4815 dictates that lottery proceeds be returned to the State's General Fund as well as requiring specific payments to other state agencies.

The accompanying postaudit was performed in accordance with 29 Del. C. § 2906 and has the objective of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes an opinion as to whether the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Lottery.

The Delaware Lottery requested a comparative report reflecting the past two fiscal years.

What Was Found?

The Delaware Lottery contributed over \$216 million to the state's General Fund in Fiscal Year 2021 and \$233 million to the state's General Fund in Fiscal Year 2022.

The increase in nonoperating expenses in fiscal year 2021 over 2020 (\$47.9 million) may be attributed to casinos operating for a full 12 months in fiscal year 2021, compared to only nine months in fiscal year 2020.

It's my pleasure to report this audit contains an unmodified opinion. There were no findings required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

The Delaware State Lottery's Annual Basic Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 can be found on our website: Click Here

For any questions regarding the attached report, please contact OAOA Comms@delaware.gov.

¹An unmodified opinion is sometimes referred to as a "clean" opinion. It is one in which the auditor expresses an opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, an entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

